

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (New) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, said hair treatment applicator comprising:

- a handle; and

- a head connected to said handle, said head comprising:

- a first retaining structure comprising a first base, a first plurality of tines extending from said first base, and a first baffle extending from said first base, which together form a first retaining volume configured to hold said hair treatment, receive a first strand of hair, and apply said hair treatment to said first strand of hair;

- a second retaining structure comprising a second base, a second plurality of tines extending from said second base, and a second baffle extending from said second base, which together form a second retaining volume configured to hold said hair treatment, receive a second strand of hair, and apply said hair treatment to said second strand of hair;

- a passage extending between said first and second baffles, wherein said passage is substantially free of said hair treatment and is configured to receive

a third strand of hair without exposing said third strand of hair to hair treatment contained in said first and second retaining structures.

Claim 18 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 17, wherein said first plurality of tines extends substantially perpendicularly from said first base.

Claim 19 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 18, wherein said second plurality of tines extends substantially perpendicularly from said second base.

Claim 20 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 17, wherein said handle is integrally molded with said retaining structures.

Claim 21 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 20 wherein said hair treatment applicator is injection molded as a single piece.

Claim 22 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 21, wherein said hair treatment applicator is made from a moldable material selected from the group consisting of polyethylene and polypropylene.

Claim 23 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 17, wherein at least one of said first and second plurality of tines is frusto-conical in shape.

Claim 24 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 23, wherein each of said first and second plurality of tines that is frusto-conical in shape has a proximal end having a diameter from about 0.125 inches (about 0.318 cm) to about 0.3125 inches (about 0.794 cm) and a distal end having a diameter from about 0.0625 inches (about 0.159 cm) to about 0.375 inches (about 0.953 cm).

Claim 25 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 17, wherein each of said first and second plurality of tines has a height from about 0.25 inches (about 0.64 cm) to about 1.0 inches (about 2.54 cm).

Claim 26 (New) A hair treatment applicator according to claim 17, wherein said passage has a width of at least about 0.25 inches (about 0.64 cm).

Claim 27 (New) A combination hair treatment and hair treatment applicator for applying said hair treatment to hair comprising:

a hair treatment applicator comprising:

a handle; and

a head connected to said handle, said head comprising:

a first retaining structure comprising a first base, a first plurality of tines extending from said first base, and a first baffle extending from said first base, which together form a first retaining volume configured to hold said hair treatment, receive a first strand of hair, and apply said hair treatment to said first strand of hair;

a second retaining structure comprising a second base, a second plurality of tines extending from said second base, and a second baffle extending from said second base, which together form a second retaining volume configured to hold said hair treatment, receive a second strand of hair, and apply said hair treatment to said second strand of hair;

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a passage extending between said first and second baffle, wherein said passage is substantially free of said hair treatment and is configured to receive a third strand of hair without exposing said third strand of hair to hair treatment contained in said first and second retaining structures; and

a hair treatment contained in the first and second retaining structures of the hair treatment applicator.